training of personnel as energy managers, demonstration programmes in rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets, modification of standards governing electrical applianaces, preparation of suitable designs for new buildings, replacement of incandescent lamps by energy efficient lights, exhibiting do's and don'ts for energy conservation in office premises, launching of a multi-media public awareness campaign, etc.

Steps to Meet Power Demand

542. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the additional MW capacity of power anticipated in the Eight Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the power programme is likely to be affected due to various constraints like want of environmental clearances and resources; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to overcome these constraints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) According to the latest assessment a generating capacity addition of around 38,000 MW could be tentatively anticipated to be commissioned during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Various steps taken/being taken in this regard include interaction with the Ministry of Environment and Forests and project authorities and the setting up of a Coordination Committee in the Deptt. of Power for expediting clearance of power projects from forest and environmental angles. External assistance is also proposed to be availed of to supplement the available domestic resources.

Impact of the coal price increase

543. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent coal price increase has had an adverse impact on the industrial sector and several representations have been received from the trade and industry to reconsider the same; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a decision to reduce the price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Some Associations/Federations etc. of the coal consumers have represented against the hike in coal prices. As the prices of coal were revised after due consideration of the subject in all its aspects, it has not been possible to accede to their requests.

Private sector participation

544. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent conference of Power Ministers of States with the Minister for ENERGY has recommended the participation of private sector in power generation; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the response from the private sector to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The conference of the Power Ministers of the States held at New Delhi in January, 1989 recommended, *inter alia*, that the private sector participation should be encouraged, if it brings in additonality of available funds.

The question of facilitating participation of the private sector in power generation is receiving attention. The necessary